

APPROVED BY

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Lakewood Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board

June 17, 2020 Meeting

Location: Virtual meeting

Present: Board Members: Erin Shaughnessy, Emily Christescu, Emily Petro, Nancy Binder, Phyllis Dykes, Cassie Gaffney, Nancy McDonnell, Juleen Russell, Councilperson Rader

Not present: ACO Elaine Hearn

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Minutes Wednesday June 17, 2020

- I. Welcome and roll call conducted by Board Member Shaughnessy. 8 voting members present.
- II. Approval of January Meeting Minutes - Board
 - a. Unanimous verbal vote in favor of motion to waive formal reading of the minutes.
No discussion on minutes as presented. Motion passes to approve the minutes.
- III. Lakewood Animal Control Report (ACO Hearn)
 - a. Defer to July.
- IV. CCLAS Update: Kate Coghlan, President
 - a. The shelter is currently not taking in any animals for adoption. Some animals previously at the shelter before the pandemic are now in foster care. CCLAS President notes the shelter plans to resume working again at the end of the month. ACOs are taking emergency calls and are on-duty. Residents can call the shelter and leave a message or contact the police.
 - b. The shelter has been on pause and trying to find ways to supplement funding. Because of the pandemic and the cancellation of their usual fundraising events, CCLAS is strapped for cash. They rely heavily on donations to assist with foster care, and to cover veterinary bills and spay and neuter bills. CCLAS will use GoFundMe or digital raffles in an attempt to raise funds during the pandemic.
 - c. They communicate most often with supporters through Facebook and ask the Board to help share and get the word out about virtual funding activities.
 - d. CCLAS is also working on the launch of a new website.
- V. Committee Goals for 2020
 - a. Dog Ordinances - Shaughnessy, Gaffney, Petro
 - i. The committee remains at the City's disposal regarding dog ordinance education and outreach and will support the City in whatever role necessary.
 - b. Community Events - McDonnell, Dykes

- i. The Fourth of July event is cancelled. The fall Spooky Pooch parade's status is uncertain. Councilperson Rader will ask that the mayor include this committee in future Spooky Pooch updates or decisions.
 - ii. The committee will pay close attention to which community events will happen or not and participate and support when possible.
- c. Wildlife Education & Outreach - Shaughnessy, Christescu, Petro
 - i. Monarch Project
 - 1. In an effort to support Monarch butterflies, Boardmember Christescu joined the butterfly garden pilot project initiated by Keep Lakewood Beautiful, which was started a couple years ago near the Solstice Steps at Lakewood Park. After applying for a milkweed grant with MonarchWatch.org, the Board was awarded 36 milkweed plants to support the garden's growth. Native plants were also planted to attract the pollinators.
 - 2. Board volunteers willing to water the plants should coordinate with Secretary Christescu.
 - 3. We have another garden area identified and approved by the city if and when we wish to start our own space.
 - ii. The Committee will handle any potential issues regarding wildlife as they come up in 2020.
- d. Spay/Neuter Education & Outreach - Binder, Dykes, Gaffney
 - i. Boardmember Binder spoke to Grace of Pet Fix, and she noted they are running out of the spay/neuter grant for low income people. The Board previously agreed to focus on the spay/neuter of cats in 2020 with the quantity of 30 total cats that could be assisted. Boardmember Binder explains the cost breakdown of \$975 for 15 female cats, and \$675 for 15 male cats, for a total of \$1,650. If all of the cats were female, the total cost would be \$1,950.
 - ii. The board has concerns about funding for this program. Councilperson Rader will inquire with the city about funding and bring his findings back to the Board.
- e. Dog Bite Prevention - Shaughnessy, Binder, Petro
 - i. In previous years, the Board distributed dog bite prevention materials to children at Safety Town. Since the program has been cancelled this year because of the pandemic, the Board will work to donate items and be creative in its approach and outreach.
- f. Outreach ideas during pandemic.
 - i. The Board will stay in touch with the mayor and offer our resources as needed. Board Chair Shaughnessy will send the 2019 LASWAB report to the mayor for her information.
 - ii. The Board will contact the Animal Control Officers and CCLAS to offer support and assistance.

VI. Communications

a. June Content

- i. Pet Safety in the Heat - motion made to approve, motion seconded. Motion passes to approve the social media post.

- ii. Contact Animal Control post - motion made to approve, motion seconded. Motion passes to approve the social media post.
- b. July Content
 - i. Fourth of July post - Board Chair to update 2019 post to reflect current information.
 - ii. Dog Ordinance post - Conscientious neighbors/dog owners should consider noise and sanitation to avoid involving Animal Control.
- c. Future Content Ideas
 - i. Opossum Wildlife Education post
 - ii. Monarch Project post
 - iii. How to Handle Raccoons post

VII. No Public Comment

Motion is made to adjourn; motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.